GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Polio Cases
Shetti Shri Raju alias Devappa Anna

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the cases of Polio have increased in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the pulse polio programme and substitute it with any other campaign regarding detection and eradication of disease;

(d) the names of the diseases with regard to which most number of patients are being registered across the country; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to launch a special campaign for controlling such diseases and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): No, in-fact there is no reported wild polio case for more than 5 years in the country after last case of wild poliovirus case reported on 13 January 2011.

(b): In view of the above, question does not arise

(c): No, there is no proposal to discontinue the pulse polio programme as per recommendations of Indian Expert Advisory Group for Polio Eradication.

(d) & (e): As per the reports received from Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), maximum number of cases are reported for Acute Respiratory Infection.

Government has launched the Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) containing pentavalent vaccine under routine immunization. Hib vaccine in pentavalent will prevent pneumonia due to Hib infection. Further routine immunization has been strengthened through Mission Indradhanush to improve coverage.
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